

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Attention: 401 Coordinator
centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov

Project Applicant: San Lorenzo Valley Water District – Rick Rogers

Applicant's Agent: San Lorenzo Valley Water District – Carly Blanchard

Project Name: Fall Creek Fish Ladder Improvement Project

Receiving Water: Fall Creek

City/County: Felton / Santa Cruz

Public Notice: March 20, 2020 – April 10, 2020

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve fish passage and repair structural deficiencies. The proposed project activities include:

- Demolishing and removing the intake pipes, pumps, screens, and concrete pad;
- Modifying the four existing concrete weirs and constructing two additional concrete weirs downstream of the existing weirs;
- Constructing a grade control weir upstream of the intake screens;
- Excavating about 300 cubic yards of sediment from the creek bed and slope grading to lower the intake screen system by 3.1 feet;
- Replacing distribution pipes and pumps;
- Removing about 25 cubic yards of existing rock slope protection (RSP);
- Installing 81 cubic yards of RSP;
- Replacing an existing ladder, catwalks, and railings to maintain access for operations and maintenance;
- Removing an existing 6-inch diameter water line from the site;
- Rerouting the water line to the underside of the existing pedestrian bridge; and
- Upgrading the existing foundation elements along existing concrete walls and weirs that may be exposed during excavation work.

No mitigation is proposed. The San Lorenzo Water District will be filing a Categorical Exemption on 3/30/2020.